

#### **IV. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) A gaming machine comprising:  
a variable display meansdevice for variably displaying designs; and  
a front display meansdevice disposed in front of the variable display  
meansdevice,  
wherein the front display meansdevice includes an electrical display device  
for allowing said variable display meansdevice to be observed therethrough and a  
rear holder for holding the electrical display device from a rear side thereof, the  
rear holder having one or more windows allowing the designs variably displayed in  
said variable display meansdevice to be observed, and that the peripheral corner  
portions in the rear side of the windows are removed therefrom.

2. (Currently Amended) The gaming machine according to claim 1,  
wherein said variable display meansdevice is one or more rotatable reels each  
having a reel band thereon, on which said designs are drawn.

3. (Original) The reel-based gaming machine according to claims 1 or 2,  
wherein the gaming machine is a slot machine.

4. (New) A gaming machine comprising:  
a variable display device for variably displaying designs; and  
a front display device disposed in front of the variable display device,  
wherein the front display device includes an electrical display device for  
allowing said variable display device to be observed therethrough and a rear  
holder for holding the electrical display device from a rear side thereof, the rear  
holder having a front face and a rear face defining a thickness therebetween and  
having one or more windows for allowing the designs variably displayed in said  
variable display device to be observed, each window having a first recessed  
portion formed into the front face and a second recessed portion formed into the

rear face and being larger than the first recessed portion, an interface of the first and second recessed portions defining a stepped-down rear holder surface disposed between the front face and the rear face such that the stepped-down rear holder surface surrounds the first recessed portion.